

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, replace the third paragraph as follows:

--At many farms it is common practice to try to exclude contamination through shoes and/or boots by placing open containers with disinfection fluids at the entrances. Visitors can disinfect their shoes and boots by 'dipping' their feet into the container filled with disinfection liquid. Many of these containers are cut out plastic jerrycans which contain variable quantities of liquid that pollute quickly and in which visitors are almost unable to disinfect their shoes or boots without running the risk of getting wet feet.--

Page 4, replace the last paragraph as follows:

--Further embodiments of the present invention are also possible. The sleeve may further include a seal in the edge of the sleeve along one or more sides, preferably the shorter sides, such as shown in Figure 2. The seal may be in the form of a piece of foam rubber, optionally recycled foam rubber. The seal causes a more narrow connection between the sleeve and the core which may help to prevent animals from stumbling when they step forward to leave the mat at the front side or when they step backward to leave the mat at the back side again.--

Page 5, replace the first paragraph as follows:

--The sleeve may also be provided with eyes (such as shown in Figure 3) or a suspension frame, such as a tape. This allows the mat to be suspended, which simplifies storage, drying, and transport.--

Page 5, replace the second paragraph as follows:

--The core may further include a strip of stiff material (Figure 4), such as polyvinylchloride (PVC). The strip may be placed inside the core along one or more sides, preferably one or both of the long sides, to increase stiffness of the core. This prevents the core from "jumping" out of the sleeve, which might otherwise occur under strenuous use.--

Page 5, replace the third paragraph as follows:

--With reference to Figure 5, the mat may also include a reservoir sealed at a bottom of the sleeve to store liquid. The reservoir may be filled with foam. Liquid will be sucked into the reservoir when the core is empty, optionally through use of a piston mechanism,. When the core is depressed, liquid will be sprayed from the reservoir via a pipe made from a soft material onto the object being cleaned, such as the claw of an animal.--